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Dear Subscriber:

As we move forward into the new year, I would like to thank all the producers and businesses who responded to our many surveys in 2001. Your continued cooperation makes these reports possible. Thanks also to the county extension educators and Farm Service Agency county directors who faithfully provide crop-weather information weekly.

Larry Gabriel, South Dakota Secretary of Agriculture, and his staff are recognized for their support and assistance with our statistics program throughout the year. In addition, we appreciate the continued support we receive from Dean Cholick and the staff at South Dakota State University.

The rapid changes occurring in agriculture today have increased the demand for more agricultural statistics. With your help we will continue to strive to fulfill our mission of **"providing timely, accurate, and useful statistics in service to South Dakota agriculture."** We receive requests for current and historical statistics about agriculture on a daily basis. Please continue to contact us with your data needs.

A special thanks goes to our enumerator staff who collect the survey information and our office staff who prepare the publications. It is their dedication that provides South Dakota's number one industry, agriculture, with high quality statistics.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season and a prosperous new year.

Sincerely,

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NOVEMBER CATTLE ON FEED

SOUTH DAKOTA: South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 171,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on November 1. The November 1 number is down 9,000 head from a year ago but up 35,000 head from October. **Placements** during October totaled 61,000 head, down 9,000 head from last year but up 26,000 head from September. **Marketings of fed cattle** during October totaled 25,000 head, down 9,000 head from last year and down 14,000 head from September. **Other disappearance** during October totaled 1,000, unchanged from a year ago but up 1,000 head from September.

UNITED STATES: **Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000

or more head totaled 11.9 million head on November 1, 2001. The inventory was 1,000 head below November 1, 2000, but 3 percent above November 1, 1999. **Placements** in feedlots during October totaled 2.69 million, 5 percent below 2000 and 14 percent below 1999. Net placements were 2.62 million. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 889,000, 600-699 pounds were 755,000, 700-799 pounds were 589,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 459,000. **Marketings** of fed cattle during October totaled 1.89 million, 2 percent below 2000 but 3 percent above 1999. **Other disappearance** totaled 68,000 during October, 3 percent above 2000 but 15 percent below 1999.

CATTLE ON FEED (1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS), SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES, NOVEMBER 1, 2000 & 2001

Item	South Dakota			United States		
	2000	2001	2001 as % of 2000	2000	2001	2001 as % of 2000
	- - 1,000 Head - -		Percent	- - 1,000 Head - -		Percent
On feed, October 1	145	136	94	11,016	11,125	101
Placed on feed during October	70	61	87	2,829	2,692	95
Fed cattle marketed during October	34	25	74	1,915	1,886	98
Other disappearance during October 1/	1	1	100	66	68	103
On feed, November 1	180	171	95	11,864	11,863	100

1/ Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

DECEMBER CATTLE ON FEED

SOUTH DAKOTA: South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 195,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on December 1. The December 1 number is down 5,000 head from a year ago but up 24,000 head from November. **Placements** during November totaled 53,000 head, up 6,000 head from last year but down 8,000 head from October. **Marketings of fed cattle** during November totaled 29,000 head, up 3,000 head from last year and up 4,000 head from October. **Other disappearance** during November totaled none, down 1,000 from last year and last month.

UNITED STATES: **Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000

or more head totaled 11.9 million head on December 1, 2001. The inventory was slightly below December 1, 2000, but 1 percent above December 1, 1999. **Placements** in feedlots during November totaled 1.91 million, 5 percent below 2000 and 12 percent below 1999. Net placements were 1.83 million. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 655,000, 600-699 pounds were 588,000, 700-799 pounds were 381,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 284,000. **Marketings of fed cattle** during November totaled 1.80 million, 1 percent below 2000 and 1,000 head below 1999. **Other disappearance** totaled 80,000 during November, 24 percent below 2000, and 4 percent below 1999.

CATTLE ON FEED (1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS), SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES, DECEMBER 1, 2000 & 2001

Item	South Dakota			United States		
	2000	2001	2001 as % of 2000	2000	2001	2001 as % of 2000
	- - 1,000 Head - -		Percent	- - 1,000 Head - -		Percent
On feed, November 1	180	171	95	11,864	11,863	100
Placed on feed during November	47	53	113	2,014	1,908	95
Fed cattle marketed during November	26	29	112	1,825	1,800	99
Other disappearance during November 1/	1	0	0	105	80	76
On feed, December 1	200	195	98	11,948	11,891	100

1/ Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

PRICES

UNITED STATES PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in November was 93 based on 1990-92=100, down 1 point (1.0 percent) from the October index. Lower prices for milk, cattle, hogs, broilers, cotton, and apples more than offset higher prices for soybeans, potatoes, eggs, strawberries, and wheat. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Higher seasonal marketings of milk, cotton, cattle, cottonseed, and broilers more than offset lower marketings of soybeans, peanuts, and potatoes.

Compared with November 2000, the current All Farm Products Index was 5 points (5.1 percent) lower. Price decreases from November 2000 for cattle, lettuce, soybeans, eggs, and rice more than offset increases in potatoes, hay, broilers, and wheat.

TRENDS AFFECTING AGRICULTURE

Index	United States		
	Nov. 2000	Oct. 2001	Nov. 2001
Prices Received Indexes	(1990-92=100%)		
All farm products	% 98	94*	93
All crops	% 96	88*	88
Food grains	% 92	90	90
Feed grains & hay	% 85	86*	86
Oil bearing crops	% 84	74	77
All livestock & products	% 99	104*	98
Meat animals	% 92	91*	85
Dairy products	% 96	120*	109
Poultry & eggs	% 119	121	117
Prices Paid Index	% 121	123	122
Ratio 1/	% 81	76*	76
Crop Sector	% 124	125	124
Livestock Sector	% 119	121	120

*Revised. 1/ (Received Index/Paid Index)

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR COMMODITIES SOLD

Commodity and Unit		South Dakota			United States			
		Nov. 2000 1/	Oct. 2001 1/	Nov. 2001 2/	Nov. 2000 1/	Oct. 2001 1/	Nov. 2001 2/	Parity Price Nov. 2001
Dollars								
All Wheat	Bu.	2.78	2.85	2.93	2.82	2.86	2.94	9.57
Winter	Bu.	2.61	2.50	2.74	2.70	2.81	2.90	--
Durum	Bu.	6/	6/	6/	2.95	2.89	2.97	--
Other spring	Bu.	2.91	2.92	2.95	2.96	2.97	2.98	--
Corn	Bu.	1.52	1.56	1.59	1.86	1.84	1.85	6.53
Oats	Bu.	1.22	1.68	1.58	1.22	1.65	1.59	3.74
Soybeans	Bu.	4.29	3.87	3.97	4.55	4.09	4.18	14.20
All Barley	Bu.	1.83	2.22	2.05	2.15	2.30	2.31	6.39
Feed	Bu.	1.68	6/	6/	1.87	1.86	1.83	--
Malt	Bu.	1.90	2.22	2.05	2.42	2.77	2.71	--
Sunflower	Cwt.	5.01	7.40	7.91	6.20	8.19	8.69	--
Flaxseed	Bu.	6/	6/	6/	3.39	4.21	4.30	11.20
Sorghum	Cwt.	6/	6/	6/	3.27	3.30	3.35	11.20
All Hay	Ton	59.00	66.00	65.00	84.00	99.40	97.10	--
Alfalfa	Ton	63.00	71.00	69.00	88.00	108.00	106.00	--
Other	Ton	40.00	47.00	46.00	71.10	70.00	74.10	--
Milk, wholesale	Cwt.	3/	3/	3/	12.60	15.70	14.30	31.90
Eggs, market	Doz.	3/	3/	3/	0.573	0.446	0.485	1.54
Cattle 4/	Cwt.	79.50	83.20	70.90	69.10	66.60	62.80	157.00
Steers & heifers	Cwt.	89.10	88.50	79.20	73.80	70.20	66.60	--
Cows	Cwt.	35.80	39.70	33.00	36.60	37.50	35.30	--
Calves	Cwt.	106.00	101.00	96.00	106.00	99.20	96.20	206.00
All hogs	Cwt.	36.80	42.10	36.10	36.80	40.50	34.90	102.00
Barrows & gilts	Cwt.	38.00	43.30	37.30	37.20	40.90	35.20	--
Sows	Cwt.	28.50	33.10	28.10	28.40	33.20	29.10	--
Sheep	Cwt.	39.30	24.50	5/	33.60	26.20	5/	71.80
Lambs	Cwt.	86.00	54.70	5/	71.50	52.90	5/	172.00

1/ Full month except hay which is mid-month. 2/ Mid-month. 3/ Annual average price only. 4/ "Cows" and "Steers & Heifers" combined with allowance where necessary for slaughter bulls. 5/ Mid-month prices discontinued January 1996. 6/ Not published. Insufficient sales.

COMING UP IN THE NEXT CROP REPORTER:

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MONTHLY HOGS & PIGS

The October 2001 U.S. pig crop, at 8.47 million head, was 2 percent more than the previous year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 953 thousand head, 1 percent above last year. The average pigs per litter for October rose to 8.88, compared to 8.85 last year.

The U.S. inventory of sows and gilts on November 1, 2001, was 5.97 million head, 1 percent below November 1, 2000.

U.S. sows and gilts bred during October totaled 1.20 million head, up 2 percent from October 2000.

SLAUGHTER

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, RED MEAT PRODUCTION, SOUTH DAKOTA AND UNITED STATES 1/

Kind	Unit	Slaughter			Oct. 2001 as % of		January-October 2/		
		Oct. 2000	Sep. 2001	Oct. 2001	Oct. 2000	Sep. 2001	2000	2001	2001 as % of 2000
		- - Percent - -					Million Pounds Liveweight		Percent
SOUTH DAKOTA									
Cattle	1,000 Head	24.8	24.3	29.7	120	122	326.0	373.6	115
Hogs	1,000 Head	390.2	346.1	391.3	100	113	850.0	870.2	102
Sheep	1,000 Head	1.2	0.7	1.1	92	157	1.583	1.341	85
Red Meat 3/	Million Lbs.	91.3	83.3	95.9	105	115	800.8	840.3	105
UNITED STATES									
Cattle	1,000 Head	3,141.4	2,807.4 *	3,160.8	101	113	37,271.5	36,325.3	97
Hogs	1,000 Head	8,882.1	7,810.5	9,330.0	105	119	21,196.7	21,259.8	100
Sheep	1,000 Head	278.9	243.3	288.5	103	119	384.4	371.5	97
Red Meat 3/	Million Lbs.	4,099.2	3,664.4	4,263.3	104	116	38,614.9	37,874.0	98

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data. 3/ Red Meat is based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. *Revised.

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